

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO KFEQ 680 AM

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend one of St. Joseph's premier radio stations, KFEQ 680 AM, for their civic-minded efforts in assisting local residents during a massive ice storm that struck northwest Missouri.

At home, KFEQ entertains and informs the Greater St. Joseph area with news, talk, sports, farm and severe weather coverage. However, during the week of December 10, when northwest Missouri residents experienced power outages, KFEQ broadcasted vital information to listeners with around-the-clock coverage for 4 days.

Staff members, many without electricity in their own homes, braved the bad weather with the aid of generators, candles and battery-powered flash lights to provide information and comfort to their listeners.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a remarkable regional resource, radio station KFEQ, in recognition and appreciation for serving the public.

HONORING ROSE KAPLAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the House to the retirement of Rose B. Kaplan, area director for 16 Social Security Administration offices in the Washington area. I want to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Kaplan for her dedication to a lifetime of public service. She has served many congressional offices and constituents in the Nation's capital region, including Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and West Virginia, over her 40-year career with Social Security.

Rose has had a distinguished career with the agency. She began as a GS-2 typing clerk and progressed up the ranks of responsibility, eventually gaining her current position as area director. She has been honored several times for great leadership and commitment to the Agency's mission, most recently receiving the Commissioner's Team Award for compassion and leadership in the Severely Injured Marines and Sailors, SIMS, project involving expediting support and processing of military casualty claims. Ms. Kaplan was also integral to shaping and implementing the region's diversity strategy, formulating training and culture programs.

Ms. Kaplan has resided in the Washington area for most of her life and currently lives in Montgomery County, MD, with her husband, Phil. She plans to travel and spend more time

with her family upon retirement. I am pleased to call attention to her accomplishments and ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing her outstanding service.

HONORING DOROTHY BERRY OF SPRING HILL, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy Berry of Hernando County, Florida. Dorothy has done something that all of us strive to do, but that very few of us will ever accomplish, celebrate her 100th birthday.

Dorothy was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, on September 29, 1906 and is the oldest of five children. Married twice in her long life, her first husband was Thomas and her second husband was Trevor. She gave birth to three children, all of whom have now passed away. Dorothy says she feels blessed with her ten grandchildren, six great grandchildren and her one great, great grandchild, a girl.

When asked what the fondest memories of her childhood were, Dorothy said "everything," because she spent a lot of time with her grandmother, which was a great time. One particular childhood memory brought her into close contact with a U.S. President. She and her friends were playing in the street and they saw a bunch of people down by the waterfront. They went to see what the commotion was and saw that it was a man who seemed to be preaching to the people. After he finished preaching the man came up to them and gave each one a brand new buffalo nickel which had just been released. Dorothy spent her nickel at the candy store and when she got home she told her mother what had happened, and her mother said well that was President Teddy Roosevelt speaking.

After attending school in Fords, New Jersey, Dorothy worked in different factories for a brief time and then became a homemaker. She said the happiest moment in her life was her marriage to her second husband Trevor, remembering that, "He was a wonderful man!" Dorothy also remembers in 1918 at the end of World War I everyone was celebrating in the streets. She said that, "There was so much hugging and kissing going on, it was so exciting."

Although her eyesight and hearing are almost gone, Dorothy spends her days sitting and talking to God to give her strength. In fact, her best advice to young people today is to, "sit down and read the Ten Commandments and obey them." While there is nothing that Dorothy would change or do over in her life, she would like to go back to her younger days. On vacations, she would visit Florida and had decided that when she retired she would retire on the Gulf Coast. Dorothy eventually moved to New Port Richey about thirty-

five years ago and then moved to Hernando County in 1980.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring Dorothy Berry for reaching her 100th birthday. I hope we all have the good fortune to live as long as her.

TRIBUTE TO THE DOYLE VOLUNTEER HOSE COMPANY NO. 2

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, it is with great appreciation that I rise today to honor a dedicated and 70-year active volunteer of the Doyle Volunteer Hose Company No. 2 in Cheektowaga, NY.

Edward A. Tokasz joined the Doyle Hose Company in February 1938. Since this time he has committed himself to the company and to aid the people of Cheektowaga. As a continuous member of the hose company since joining, Edward has taken on many leadership positions. In just his second year with the Doyle Volunteer Hose Company, Edward became 2nd Assistant Chief where he quickly rose to 1st Assistant in 1941, Treasurer in 1948, and President in 1958.

Most notably, Edward Tokasz served as the Treasurer for the Doyle Fire District from 1948 until 2007. In the capacity of Treasurer Edward demonstrated his integrity and hard working nature that allowed him to provide the district with a great deal of service that was delivered with honor.

Edward Tokasz's involvement in the fire department spread further than his hard work as Treasurer. While he was the District Treasurer, he also served a total of 5 terms as a member of the Board of Directors. Additionally, Edward took on the role of Sergeant-at-Arms from 1984-1994. Presently, he serves as the Doyle Fire District Deputy Treasurer.

Thus, Madam Speaker, in recognition of his 70 years as an active member of the Doyle Volunteer Hose Company No. 2, and for his dedication and service to the people of Cheektowaga, NY, I ask this Honorable Body to join me in honoring Edward A. Tokasz.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES C. REDD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition for Athletic Director, Dr. James C. Redd. On February 10, 2008, Dr. Redd will be enshrined into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Jim excelled as a student athlete throughout high school and college thereby earning First

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Team Defensive Lineman and Second Team Offensive Tackle awards at Northwest Missouri State University. After graduating with a double major in Physical Education and Social Science, Jim returned to the sidelines, this time as a graduate assistant at the University of Colorado-Boulder. Before returning to his alma mater as head coach of the Bearcats in 1976, Jim earned a master's degree in Physical Education and School Administration. Within 3 years he was selected as the MIAA Coach of the Year.

In 1986, Jim decided to take a sabbatical from a 17-year coaching career and return to school, this time completing his doctorate in education from Oklahoma State University-Stillwater.

Upon graduation, Dr. Redd returned to Northwest Missouri State to coordinate the graduate program in Health and Physical Education, and eventually to serve as Director of Athletics for Northwest. In 2001, Dr. Redd retired from Northwest State University. However, by May 2002 he was appointed Director of Athletics and Physical Education Chair at William Jewell College in Liberty, MO, a position he still holds.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Jim Redd as he will be forever remembered for his athletic and educational achievements on February 10, 2008, when he enters the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

COMMENDING ANDREW NATSIOS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the important work of U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan Andrew Natsios in light of the announcement that he is resigning. Special Envoy Natsios has led efforts to achieve comprehensive peace in Sudan, which has suffered decades of war and poverty.

I have visited Sudan five times, most recently in July 2004 when I led the first congressional delegation with Senator SAM BROWNBACK to Darfur. I witnessed the nightmare with my own eyes. Every day that passes, more men are killed, more women are raped, and more children die of malnutrition. Special Envoy Natsios has worked tirelessly to end this nightmare, traveling frequently to Sudan to bring greater pressure to bear on the Sudanese Government, and traveling all over the world to coalesce international support for a peaceful end to the violence in Darfur.

Mr. Natsios has also worked to maintain the focus of both the United States and the international community on the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between north and south Sudan. Without a comprehensive understanding of and approach to Sudan's many conflicts, any policy responses will be inherently flawed. Mr. Natsios's understanding of this reality has filtered through his approach to Sudan.

During his time as special envoy to Sudan, Mr. Natsios has demonstrated an unflagging desire to alleviate the suffering of the men, women and children all across Sudan who want to be free from oppression and violence, and who want a voice in their livelihoods and in the future of their country. I wish Mr. Natsios the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THEODORE A. DANGELMAIER OF DADE CITY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Theodore A. Dangelmaier of Pasco County, FL. Theodore will do something later this month that all of us strive to do, but that very few of us will ever accomplish, celebrate his 100th birthday.

Born January 25, 1908 in Rochester, NY, Theodore attended Rochester High School and later served as a technical sergeant in World War II. Following his military service, he went on to work at the Washington Post newspaper in the production department. Theodore eventually left the Washington Post and accepted a new position working for the Gannett Newspaper Company where he worked until his retirement in 1969. Some of his happiest times were taking sabbaticals from the newspaper during the summer months to operate a resort hotel in Canada with his wife for 8 years.

Married to his first wife in 1929, Theodore was blessed with three children. In 1996, he married his second wife, Edna, and the two have been happily married for the past 11 years. When asked to recount the proudest moment in his life, Theodore said it was when his son was made executive vice president of a bank holding company. A truly caring individual, Theodore has been blessed over the years with a loving and caring family and says that what gives him the most pleasure today is helping friends and family.

While Theodore has lived a long and enjoyable life, one thing he would change in his life if he could do it over would be to travel more. Ever since he retired to Florida in 1969, he has enjoyed the friendly and helpful people of Hernando County and knew it was a good fit. He also likes the area because it is quiet and restful. As someone who has lived a full century, Theodore wanted to pass along his best advice for young people today. He says they should "enjoy a clean life while young, be kind and helpful to others."

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring Theodore A. Dangelmaier for reaching his 100th birthday. I hope we all have the good fortune to live as long as him.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE N. SCHUSTER

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to honor the memory of a great American, George N. Schuster of Springville, NY. The year 2008 marks the centennial of one of America's greatest achievements, in which George played a vital role. He was a part of the 1908 American team that competed in the New York to Paris Race.

This 1908 automobile race consisted of six teams representing four different countries.

George was brought in to be a mechanic for the American car, the Thomas Flyer. The New York to Paris race took contestants through North America, Asia and Europe. George and his team departed Times Square on February 12, 1908 to begin the race. This race would take 169 days to complete, and would only be finished by three of the teams, one of which was the Thomas Flyer.

George Schuster was the only member of the Thomas Flyer team to remain with the car for every inch of the 22,000-mile journey. In addition to the great length and poor infrastructure making this race a great challenge, the weather also proved to be an obstacle. The team had to drive through rivers, deserts, and blast narrow mountain passes to make their way across the United States. At one point George got his car designated as a train on the Union Pacific Railroad to get through tough terrain. In order to cross the Bering Sea the Thomas Flyer had to be taken apart and loaded onto a dogsled.

Moving on from the position of mechanic, George Schuster became the captain of the Thomas Flyer Team as they made their way to San Francisco. It was up to him to make the critical decisions along the way. George acted as a negotiator to people such as Russian soldiers in order to get past obstacles that the team encountered on their way to being victorious in the New York to Paris race.

In 1908, automobiles did not possess the advanced technology needed to complete the trip without numerous mechanical failures. At one point the Thomas Flyer needed a new transmission, which had to be shipped by train while they continued on with the help of a horse for 13 days. George was determined to be victorious in this race and motivated his crew with these words: "as long as the wheels will turn . . . I'm going to drive this car." On July 30, 1908 the Thomas Flyer Team led by George Schuster drove into Paris with the help of a bike light strapped to its fender, becoming the first team to complete this feat.

Thus, Madam Speaker in recognition of his contributions to the American automobile industry and the history made by the Thomas Flyer, I ask that this honorable body join me in honoring George Schuster.

TRIBUTE TO NANNA MARIE SIMONE-LACKEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Nanna Marie Simone-Lackey of Gladstone, MO. Nanna will be celebrating her birthday on January 2, and it is my privilege to offer her my best wishes.

Nanna has raised three children in the Kansas City area, working day and night to send her kids to private school during their adolescent years. She has worked diligently over the past 10 years to become a small business owner and open her own insurance agency.

Nanna is the daughter of Tom and Betty Simone, and has been married to Frank Lackey for over 30 years.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent Nanna Marie Simone-Lackey in the United States Congress, and I wish her all the best on this birthday and many more in the future.